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port and surrounding country continue as good as can be expected at this season of the year.

Respectfully,

SPENCER FRANKLIN,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Puerto Cortez—Fruit port.

PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, *May 31, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for week ended May 31, 1900: I inclose list of vessels inspected and cleared during the week. The health and sanitary conditions of this port and adjacent country are very satisfactory. Only 1 death is reported for the week, an American, who was supposed to have committed suicide by shooting himself through the head.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure]

List of vessels inspected and cleared during the week ended Thursday, May 31, 1900.

Date.	Vessel.	Master.	Crew.	Distination.	No. of passengers.	No. pieces of baggage.
May 25	Am. ss. Jas. Oteri, Jr	Marillo	22	New Orleans.....	1	2
May 27	Nor. ss. Espana.....	Danielsen	14	Mobile.....	0	0
May 28	Am. ss. S. Oteri	De Luca...	30	do	1	3
May 30	Am. ss. Breakwater.....	L. Rivara..	35	New Orleans.....	4	13

IRELAND.

Reports from Queenstown.

QUEENSTOWN, IRELAND, *May 28, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith weekly abstract of bills of health and sanitary report, and to report on the transactions at this port for the week ended May 26, as follows: May 20, Cunard Line steamship *Lucania*, for New York, 15 saloon, 31 second-cabin, 271 steerage passengers, 2 crew, and 450 pieces baggage. May 23, Cunard Line steamship *Saxonia*, for Boston, 7 second-cabin, 469 steerage passengers, and 782 pieces baggage. May 24, steamship *Majestic*, of White Star Line, to New York, 8 saloon, 38 second-cabin, 630 steerage passengers, and 1,000 pieces baggage. American Line steamship *Belgenland*, to Philadelphia, 9 second-cabin, 92 steerage passengers, and 174 pieces baggage. May 26, White Star Line steamship *Cymric*, to New York, 671 steerage passengers, 2 crew, and 900 pieces of baggage.

Respectfully,

J. H. OAKLEY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

QUEENSTOWN, IRELAND, *June 1, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that during the month just passed, 25 sailing ships called here for orders.

The following ports of departure are noted: New Orleans, Baltimore,

San Francisco, Portland, Tacoma, Philadelphia, Junin, Rangoon, Tocopilla, Kaipara, Geelong, Demerara, Melbourne, and Buenos Ayres.

The Norwegian ship *Prince Arthur* was from the last-mentioned port. After receiving orders and landing a sailor suffering from dropsy, she proceeded to Hull to discharge her cargo of wheat.

The ship anchored some distance from shore, and it is to be hoped that none of the rats aboard got to land. I have not seen the sick sailor, but his physician informs me that he is improving rapidly.

Respectfully,

J. H. OAKLEY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

ITALY.

Smyrna declared infected.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to advise you that I am in receipt of a note from the Italian ambassador at this capital stating that his Government has declared the port of Smyrna infected with plague, and subjected to the quarantine in force against Egyptian ports.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Report from Genoa.

GENOA, ITALY, May 28, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the following report of the transactions of the Service at this port during the week ended May 26, 1900: May 21, the Italian steamship *Vincenzo*, Florio, Genoa to New York; 49 steerage passengers and 40 pieces of baggage were inspected and passed. May 24, the German steamship *Aller*, for New York; 25 cabin and 78 steerage passengers and 95 pieces of baggage were passed. On the same day, the Spanish steamship *Leon XIII*, for New York via Barcelona; 5 cabin and 3 steerage passengers were passed. May 26, the British steamship *Trojan Prince*, for New York via Naples; 4; cabin and 42 steerage passengers and 36 pieces of baggage were inspected and passed.

Respectfully,

RUPERT BLUE,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MALTA.

VALETTA, May 12, 1900.

SIR: In continuance of my reports on quarantine regulations, dated May 3 and May 8, I have to inform the Department that a Malta Government notice issued to-day adds the following to that already sent the Department: "To head 2, the following section—:" (c) Vessels arriving from Egypt. In head 3, the words "Vessels and" have been omitted and the words "and Smyrna will be required to undergo a period of 12 days' quarantine" have been added. In head 5, the words "or Smyrna" have been added after the word "Egypt," in section (c).